

A FEW CONDENSATIONS

The police at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are looking for a husky who stole 500 feet of brick paving. A combined electric and sand bath for treating certain ills is the idea of a New York inventor. A school to teach the arts, sciences and agriculture is planned for Iquitos by the Peruvian government. For use where current is not available a ceiling electric light operated by a dry battery has been invented.

Man With Right Attitude Will Keep Morale Right

High courage often runs wild. It's a common thing for daring to run into the foolhardy. And when it does the victim often suffers such severe punishment that it is impossible for him to regain his proper balance with life problems. He loses self-confidence and becomes the lackey of those who choose to use him. So the proper morale keeps a man within his limits and helps him fill them to their capacity. The greater the natural endowments the worse the ruin when morale fails. On the other hand the man with the right attitude in life is almost sure to keep his morale right and win in spite of circumstances.

THE COMRADE.

Are you sleeping, sleeping soundly,
Comrade over there,
Where the grasses wave above you
In the summer air,
Where we laid you as we found you
With the ravaged land around you
Grim and bare?

Can you hear the bugle blowing
Faint and far away?
Can you hear the loud drums throbbing,
Hear the trumpets bray,
Hear the tribute that we render
To the souls that won the splendor
Of the day?

'Tis the day we fought and toiled for,
The day for which you died,
Underneath the flag of freedom,
The banner of our pride,
Which today is proudly flying
O'er the fallen victors lying
Side by side.

O! surely you shall know us
Within your narrow bed,
When battle-worn battalions
Salute the honored dead,
Shall feel the brown earth shaken
And to knowledge shall awaken
At our tread!

—By Touchstone in London Daily Mail.

Data Show Production of Mexican Beans and Cotton

Statistics have just been given out covering the production of Mexican beans and cotton. According to the data at hand the states producing the former in greatest quantity were Jalisco and Sonora, with 37,500,000 and 18,878,775 kilos respectively, the total production of Mexico, according to official figures, being 101,979,319 kilos.

IMAGINATION

By ALICE KNIGHT.

Ned Barnes and his classmates were holding an indignation meeting, at which Ned seemed to have by far the greatest grievance. They had just left their English classroom where the professor had startled them by announcing the fact that they must write a short story for the next day. "He has no right to do it," said Ned. "This is a course in critical writing and not narration."

"You're right, old chap," said his friend Dick, "and it sure is harder to write a love story than to toss off a criticism, but I suppose we'll have to do it."

"Thank goodness, he didn't specify it had to be a love story."

"No, but that's about the easiest, unless you write a thrilling adventure story."

"Well, it's all right to write about adventures if you ever had any, but I'm not going to write a lot of ridiculous lies. I couldn't do it anyway, I tell you. Everybody always said I had no more imagination than a cat."

The next morning in the English class, instead of seeing a frowning and gloomy Ned Barnes, his friends saw a beaming countenance which still remained beaming when the professor said "We will begin by reading Barnes' story. And to an eagerly interested audience he read the following:

"The train from New Hampshire has just drawn into Boston as it has a thousand times before. But today it is all different for there is one little passenger who has never seen Boston, or indeed any other city. Her expression of eager curiosity and childish delight attracts us at once. To look at her sweet and innocent face, one would never suspect that she was deceiving her poor old aunt in the belief that she was spending the day with a friend in the next town in order that she might slip away to the magic city of Boston for a few hours."

Just a few short hours, that was the only cloud on her horizon; just a few short hours, but she dare not stay longer. But perhaps that would be long enough, and she clutched her little hand still more closely over something that she had held in the palm of her hand ever since she left home. We would love to see what it is, but it is evidently very precious, for she is not willing to let go for a minute. We will follow her through the station and listen to her timid request for information. The mysteries of the elevated and subway seeming to be unfathomable, she decides to walk, and 15 minutes later she is standing before a millinery window, wide-eyed and breathless. Surely she must be dreaming. Such wonderful creations never existed outside of Fairyland. One in particular took her fancy. It was large and droopy and fluffy, with the dearest little forget-me-nots. Did I tell you her eyes were as blue as the heavens above and her cheeks as pink as the roses in an old New England garden. Surely it would be becoming.

With a little flutter of her heart and a tighter clasp of her little hand on her imprisoned secret, she entered the shop.

If Boston was new to her, certainly she was new to Boston. Her fresh beauty and simplicity aroused the faded interests of even the shop girls and they vied with each other in waiting on her. First she tried on the forget-me-not hat in the window. It was all that her heart craved for, but true to the eternal feminine, she must try on every other hat she saw—just to make sure. Finally, after glancing over all the wonders she decided on her first choice. When it was presented to her in a box so big she could scarcely carry it, she thanked the clerk for her kindness and started to go away.

"Wait a minute, my dear. You have not paid for it yet."

"Paid for it? Oh, I thought—"

A look of embarrassment and then a deep flush spread over her face. "Oh, I must be in the wrong store."

Slowly, almost regretfully, she opened her hand and gave the clerk the crumpled paper she had carried for hours in her hand. "Will you tell me where that store is, please?"

The clerk, at first amused, and just as quickly ashamed of her amusement, read their own last Sunday's advertisement.

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In a daze the girl listened to the clerk's gentle and sympathetic explanation of the wicked city's exaggerations, but it is doubtful if she understood anything except that she had lost her hat. Completely disillusioned, she left the shop. Two big tears gathered in her eyes and blurred everything. She did not even see the approaching—

Just as the story is reaching the interesting part, the professor is called away for a few minutes. A storm of exclamations greet Ned, such as "Oh, no. You wouldn't write a love story."

"Well, my description didn't do her justice, and neither does this." And he drew a snapshot shyly from his pocket, "but you'll all have a chance to judge for yourself, for if old Aunt Mehitable or Henshah, or whatever her name is, will give her consent, she will be at our dance next week." (Copyright, 1919, McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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Overcoming Our Failures

Discouragement is a Menace to Happiness

There are times when notwithstanding our efforts we do not seem to make any headway with our ambitions, says a writer. We set high goals for ourselves and we make the attempt to gain them, but even though we plod perseveringly toward them we seem to meet only with obstacles and disappointments. Then it is that we begin to feel that discouragement which is bound to react to our undoing unless we pull ourselves up sharply. Life is not a bed of roses for anyone, for all that we envy the apparent ease and happiness of some of those with whom we come in contact. They, too, have their trials and their disappointments, of which we know nothing, and who knows but that they bravely hide their real feelings under a show of prosperity and happiness? No one likes to wear his heart upon his sleeve, and from the proudest to the humblest, from the richest to the poorest, there is ever uppermost the determination to hide the disappointment of ambitions unattained and hopes unfulfilled. It is only through earnest effort that we overcome our failures, whether they affect our spiritual or our worldly desires, and it is for this reason that discouragement is such a menace to happiness.

No Fleas on Monkeys.

Perhaps the most surprising information gathered with respect to fleas is that monkeys have no fleas. This is an assertion that is commonly received with astonishment and incredulity, but, says Howard Russell, the foremost authority on fleas, healthy wild monkeys are much too clean and active to harbor fleas, and when they are seen searching one another's fur in a fashion familiar to all of us it is only to clear their skin of any particles of scurf and dirt.

It may be mentioned, too, that only one instance is on record where a flea was found on a reptile. This was on a brown snake which was captured near Perth, in West Australia, and which was probably derived from some small mammal devoured by the snake. The flea was firmly fixed between the scaly plates of the reptile.

The history of the flea would seem to go back many centuries, but the only fossil remains of a flea that have so far been found is a single insect in a bit of Baltic amber. The flea is admirably preserved by its semi-transparent surroundings.

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PURITY OF NATURAL ICE

Common Notion That Manufactured Article Is Best Shown to Be Fallacy.

The common remark that natural ice is not so pure as the manufactured kind is somewhat of a fallacy. Practically 99 per cent of all the impurities are cast off by nature in the process of freezing. The remainder of the impurities that are included in the ice die in transportation. Sometimes, of course, even in a healthy flowing stream, nature slips up and a germ does get locked up in an ice crystal, but this is usually the finish of the troublesome germ, for though the cold does not often kill him the fact he can not roam about and search for food brings on starvation. Some germs die quickly, others live a week, while laboratory tests show that the typhoid germ lives longest—its maximum limit of life while frozen in ice being placed at three months. Since natural ice is usually stored at least ninety days before it is shipped to market, the matter of its purity need not be doubted. Many tests of natural ice have shown that it is far more pure than the city water of most communities.—Floyd W. Parsons in the Saturday Evening Post.

He Didn't.

Part of the peace celebrations at Little Morecombe was a shooting match for lads under seventeen. Although the judge had his doubts about some of the competitors, he held his peace.

The prize finally lay between two marksmen, and the excitement became intense.

A small boy of ten or so, who had crowded close up to the barrier, suddenly called out to one of the competitors:

"Good shot dad! A few more of those and you'll get the prize!"—London Answers.

Worth Trying.

"What do you think of the plan to do away with pockets in man's clothes?"

"I think it's a good idea," replied the busy man. "It may be the means of curing some people of the habit of standing around with their hands in their pockets and criticizing other people who are at work."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Bull Dog Tries to Alter Court Decision

New York.—The testimony of a dog was ruled out by Magistrate McQuade, in court, when Rip, a brindle bull, attempted to convince him that he was doing a rank injustice.

Mrs. Charlotte Slincker appeared against Mrs. Carlos Linares. Mrs. Linares brought with her the dog, Rip. Mrs. Slincker declared that she raised Rip from a pup and that he wandered away from her home last November.

Magistrate McQuade ruled Rip was Mrs. Slincker's dog. Mrs. Linares handed over the dog and started to leave the courtroom.

Rip gave one forlorn look at his departing mistress and set up a howl. He pulled Mrs. Slincker off her feet and it required reinforcements to hold him.

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CHESTER STATON.

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